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### *A Musing from Pastor Casey...*

Dear Friends and Family of Weston Christian Church-

In the basement of my grandmother's house are metal shelves lined with mason jars. They are mostly covered in dust now, but fifty years ago, they were a staple in the Thornburgh household. They were filled each autumn with pickled cucumbers, homemade ketchup from summer tomatoes, and jams of all sorts. These were the days before plastics, before grocery stores could use the breadth of the world, airplanes, and trucks to provide summer's bounty in season and out.

Preserving summer's simple bounty, my grandmother, her mother, my father and uncle, could taste God's goodness even in the cold of winter.

All around us it would appear as if Christmas has arrived. Like modern grocery stores that erase the changes of seasons with all you want whenever you want it, our stores rush Christmas into October, eager to cash in on our hunger for light and warmth as days grow shorter and temperatures colder.

But we are in Advent throughout December. We are called to this simple season when we focus in on the heart of our faith as followers of Jesus living in between the Kingdom that has been promised and is yet to arrive in full. While the world outside is frantic and busy with people filling their homes with stuff and plastic, Advent summons us to slow down, pay attention, de-clutter, and nurture the coming of Christ on earth as it is in heaven in the flesh.

Each Sunday we will open up a mason jar of the staples of our faith: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. You are also welcome to take home your own mason jar of daily meditations and activities as we count down to Christmas.

So slow down. Take a deep breath. Resist the urge to satisfy your cravings for love and light with stuff and practice the art of Advent: filling your life with relationships and experiences that bring honor and glory to Emmanuel, God with us.

Realm of God First!

Pastor Casey



*Along with WCC, Holy Trinity Catholic Church is on this year's Weston Homes Tour. They asked for the following announcement to be placed in our newsletter...*

If you can't make it to the Vatican for the holidays, come spend some time at Holy Trinity in Weston, Missouri! On Saturday and Sunday, December 1 & 2, the parish will host a Holiday Market with home-baked goods and candies, and handmade crafts available. A gingerbread replica of the Vatican and scenic murals, done by parishioners, will be on display, along with a live Nativity performed by local students. Also, a candlelight German dinner will be served in the Parish Hall from noon to 7:00 pm both days. This event will be going on in conjunction with Weston's 37th Candlelight Homes Tour. This is well worth one's time to come and enjoy this holiday season!

### Sunday, December 9th after church



Please mark your calendars & make plans to attend Weston Christian Church's annual Congregational Meeting.

## Weston Christian Church PRESERVING ADVENT

A series on keeping things simple and preserving what's truly important at Christmas time:

hope | peace | joy | love



**Dec. 2 - "Preserving Hope" - 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

**Dec. 9 - "Preserving Peace" - Luke 3:1-6**

**Dec. 16 - "Preserving Joy" - Luke 3:7-18**

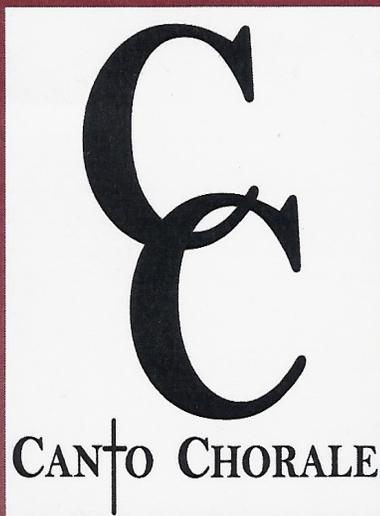
**Dec. 23 - "Preserving Love" - Luke 1:39-55  
(Shalom Sunday)**

**Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve (a service of Scripture and song)**

**Dec. 30 - "God Makes All Years New" - 2 Kings 23:1-3**

#### **Our identity statement:**

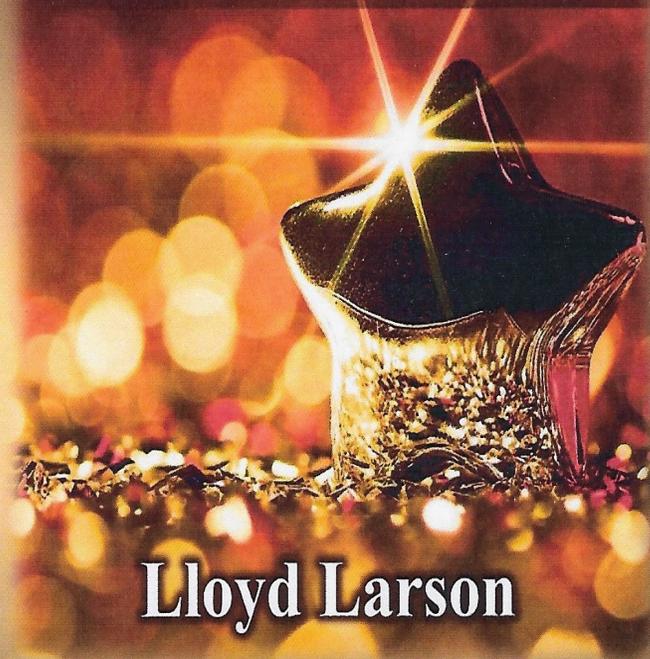
We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for *wholeness* in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.



Presents for the 2018 Christmas Season

The Glory of  
*Christmas*

Celebrating Christ's Birth



Darrell Willson, Conducting  
Orchestra & Choir

Lloyd Larson

- FRIDAY DECEMBER 7 7:30 PM WALLACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Hwy 116 and SE 2nd St, Wallace, MO
- SUNDAY DECEMBER 9 3:00 PM EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER**  
7110 N Hwy 9, Platte Woods, MO
- FRIDAY DECEMBER 14 7:30 PM EDGERTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
201 W Frank St, Edgerton, MO
- SUNDAY DECEMBER 16 3:00 PM CONCEPTION ABBEY BASILICA**  
37174 ST Hwy VV, Conception, MO

For information call 816-522-8934

or visit our Canto Chorale Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/CantoChorale](http://www.facebook.com/CantoChorale)

*Come Experience the Magic In Weston*

# 37th Annual Candlelight Homes Tour

**December 1 & 2  
2pm-7pm**



The 2018 Candlelight Homes Tour will feature 3 Premiere Homes, The Murphy House B&B, The Rumples Nest Loft, Churches & The Holladay Distillery Welcome Center all dressed up for the Holidays.

*Catch the Holiday Glow*

Tickets in Advance \$15  
Day of Tour \$20  
To Purchase Tickets  
Order online at [www.westonmo/events](http://www.westonmo/events)  
Or stop by the Weston Chamber of Commerce  
526 Main St. Or call (816) 640-2909  
TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

*Weston Christian Church is  
featured in the tour!*

*What's happening in...*



- Sundays, 9:30 am—Adult Sunday School
- Sundays, 10:15 am—WCC Church Zoom Meeting
- Sundays, 10:30 am—Worship Service
- Tuesdays, 6:30 am—Men's Bible Study
- Wednesdays, 7:30 pm—Choir Rehearsal

- 12/1-2 2:00 pm - "Christmas Candlelight Homes Tour" - WCC is featured on the tour and will be selling dumplings, cocoa & cider
- 12/3 4:30 pm "Micah Ministry" at IBCC
- 12/4 6:44 pm—"Messiah" Presentation (rescheduled from 11/25)
- 12/9 11:30 am—Annual Congregation Meeting (after church)
- 12/12 4:00 pm - "Christ and a Cup of Coffee" in Fellowship Hall
- 12/19 10:00 am - "In His Service" Soup Ministry
- 12/24 10:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service
- 12/24 CHRISTMAS DAY
- 12/26 4:00 pm—"Christ and a Cup of Coffee" in Fellowship Hall
- 12/31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

## KIDS' CORNER



**December 2nd - Luke 10:27**

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself."

**December 9th—Philippians 4:7**

"The peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

**December 16th—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

**December 23rd—Psalm 37-4**

"Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart."

**December 30th—Ephesians 2:8**

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

**September Attendance:**

	2nd	9th	16th	23rd	30th
Church	29	50	51	37	45
Sunday School	5	6	6	8	8
Children's Church	4	8	7	6	9

**October Attendance:**

	7th	14th	21st	28th
Church	37	38	35	53
Sunday School	0	5	?	5
Children's Church	0	5	10	14

**November Attendance:**

	4th	11th	18th	25th
Church	43	51	54	30
Sunday School	8	8	4	—
Children's Church	5	5	11	—

## CITY UNION MISSION.

**YOUR CITY. YOUR MISSION.**

### *Mission Christmas*

*Experience the wonders of His love*

Want to **DONATE** towards providing gifts for families in need & shelter clients? Visit [CityUnionMission.org/Donation-Page](http://CityUnionMission.org/Donation-Page) and select "Mission Christmas".

Want to **VOLUNTEER** in the Christmas Store or on Delivery Day? Visit [MissionChristmas.org](http://MissionChristmas.org) to sign-up.

Want to **HOST A DRIVE** at your business, organization or church? Visit [CityUnionMission.org/Drives-And-Collections](http://CityUnionMission.org/Drives-And-Collections) and select "Mission Christmas" to sign-up.





# December Church Calendar

Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu 29	Fri 30	Sat Dec 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Adult Sunday School</li> <li>10:15am WCC Church Zoom Meeting</li> <li>10:30am WCC Worship Service</li> <li>2pm "Messiah" Performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:30pm Micah Ministry at IBCC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30am Mens Bible Study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4pm "Christ and a Cup of Coffee"</li> <li>7:30pm Choir Rehearsal</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"Christmas Candlelight Homes Tour" 2 to</li> </ul>
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